

Homeland Security; William O. Jenkins, Jr., Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues, Government Accountability Office; Edward D. Reiskin, Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice, District of Columbia; Robert P. Crouch, Jr., Assistant to the Governor of Virginia for Commonwealth Preparedness, Richmond; and Dennis R. Schrader, Director, Maryland Governor's Office of Homeland Security, Annapolis.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2078, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to clarify the authority of the National Indian Gaming Commission to regulate class III gaming, to limit the lands eligible for gaming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1899, to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to identify and remove barriers to reducing child abuse, to provide for examinations of certain children, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2245, to establish an Indian youth telemental health demonstration project; and

S. 1773, to resolve certain Native American claims in New Mexico, with an amendment.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian M. Cogan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Michael Ryan Barrett, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, who was introduced by Senators DeWine and Voinovich, and Thomas M. Golden, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senator Santorum, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REGULATION OF VIDEO GAMES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine state regulation of violent video games and the first amendment, after receiving testimony from Minnesota Representative Jeff Johnson, Minnesota House of Representatives, St. Paul; Elizabeth K. Carll, American Psychological Association, Long Island, New York; Dmitri Williams, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Speech Communication; David S. Bickham, Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School Center on Media and Child Health, Boston, Massachusetts; Patricia E. Vance, Entertainment Software Rating Board, New York, New York; Paul M. Smith, Jenner and Block LLP, Washington, D.C.; Kevin W. Saunders, Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing; and Steve Strickland, Fayette, Alabama.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

INVESTMENT FRAUD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how seniors can stop investment fraud, focusing on the Investor Education Program of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, after receiving testimony from Susan Ferris Wyderko, Director, Office of Investor Education and Assistance, Acting Director, Division of Investment Management, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Patricia D. Struck, North American Securities Administrators Association, Inc., Madison, Wisconsin; Elisse B. Walter, National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD), Washington, D.C.; Barry Minkow, Fraud Discovery Institute, San Diego, California; and Ruth Mitchell, Columbiana, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5036–5049; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 366–370; and H. Res. 743–745 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3127, to impose sanctions against individuals responsible for genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity, to support measures for the protection of civilians and humanitarian operations, and to support peace efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–392, Pt. 2); and

H. Res. 742, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 609) to amend and extend the Higher Education Access Act of 1965 (H. Rept. 109–401). **Page H1319**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Issa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1199**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. John W. Coker, Jr., Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina. **Page H1199**

Agreed by unanimous consent that, during consideration of H.R. 609 in the Committee of the Whole and pursuant to H. Res. 741, the following amendments may be offered out of the specified order: Nos. 9, 12, 14, and 15. **Page H1211**

College Access and Opportunity Act of 2005: The House completed general debate and began considering amendments to H.R. 609, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965. Further proceedings will continue tomorrow, March 30th. **Pages H1204–81, H1289–92**

Pursuant to the rule, that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Rules Committee Print dated March 22, 2006 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. **Pages H1222–59**

Agreed to:

McKeon amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that makes many technical changes that will reword certain phrases or make changes to ensure that the bill conforms to language currently included in the Higher Education Act. In addition, the Manager's Amendment updates all the reauthorization years to begin in fiscal year 2007 (and authorizes for the 5 succeeding years); **Pages H1259–64**

Fossella amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which directs the Department of Education to make a matching grant program to eligible universities for the professional installation of fire alarm detection systems and other fire prevention technologies. This applies to student housing, dormitories, and other buildings controlled by such entities; **Pages H1264–65**

Porter amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which expands loan relief in areas of national need to include qualified public service employees; **Pages H1265–66**

Wilson of New Mexico amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that provides authority for Mathematics and Science Education Coordinating Councils to support regional workshops de-

signed to permit educators, administrators responsible for professional development and curriculum development, and faculty of teacher preparation programs to share successful research-based strategies for improving student achievement in mathematics and science instruction in elementary and secondary schools; **Pages H1266–67**

Blumenauer amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which directs the Secretary of Education, representatives of Federal Agencies, businesses, and industry leaders to focus on establishing administrative and educational sustainability programs, share innovative ideas, and explore funding opportunities and partnerships; **Pages H1267–68**

Boustany amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that requires a study by GAO to evaluate and determine reasons for the decline in the number of medical school graduates entering residency programs lasting more than 5 years; **Pages H1273–74**

Boustany amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which amends Sec. 421 (Loan Forgiveness for Service in Areas of National Need) to include medical specialists with a residency program of more than 5 years and in medical specialties that have shortages; **Pages H1274–75**

Castle amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that authorizes funding to recruit, select, train, and support a national corps of outstanding recent college graduates of all academic majors who commit to teach in low-income communities (an example of a national teacher corps eligible for this funding is Teach for America); **Pages H1275–77**

Cuellar amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which ensures that student financial aid programs are in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1965; **Pages H1277–78**

Cuellar amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which ensures that students in certification programs are eligible to receive Pell grants; **Page H1278**

Hart amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that establishes and operates pregnant and parenting student services offices to assist students in locating and utilizing child care, family housing, flexible academic scheduling such as telecommuting programs and parenting classes and programs, and postpartum counseling and support groups; **Pages H1278–79**

Musgrave amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which includes all home schooled children as eligible applicants for the Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program; **Pages H1279–80**

Sessions amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that allows students with intellectual disabilities (mental retardation) access to Federal work-study funds for enrollment in comprehensive post-

secondary education programs that improve students' academic and personal skills, independence, and employability. Currently, approximately 94 higher education institutions nationwide offer programs for students with intellectual disabilities. However, these students are not able to access Federal work-study funds due to disqualifying factors such as the absence of a high school diploma or enrollment in non-degree education programs. Federal work-study funds to these students would be dispersed from current work-study resources and implemented at the discretion of higher education institutions; and

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McMorris amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) that adds uses of funds to Title II (Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants) to increase the number of teachers qualified to teach Advanced Placement (AP) courses; Adds uses of funds to the current law Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program to authorize adjunct teacher opportunities and critical foreign language activities (by a recorded vote of 293 ayes to 134 noes, Roll No. 71).

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Rejected:

Burton of Indiana amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–399) which sought to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require colleges and universities, if receiving funds under Title VI International Education Programs of that Act, to disclose contributions and gifts under the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, a publicly available and searchable database (by a recorded vote of 106 ayes to 306 noes, Roll No. 72).

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H. Res. 741, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 70, after agreeing to the previous question without objection.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that legal action in Afghanistan against citizens who have already converted or plan to convert to other religions is deplorable and unjust: H. Res. 736, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that legal action in Afghanistan against citizens who have already converted or plan to convert to other religions is deplorable and unjust, by a yea-and-nay vote of 427 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 73.

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Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees: The House rejected the Rangel motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to

section 201(b) of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2006, by a yea-and-nay vote of 192 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 74, after the previous question was ordered without objection.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:07 p.m. and reconvened at 5:45 p.m.

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Committee Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Representative Issa.

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Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress—appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's reappointment of Mr. William L. Kinney of South Carolina, to the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center in the Library of Congress on the part of the House for a term of 6 years, effective April 1, 2006.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1210.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1210, H1289–90, H1291 and H1291–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Natural Resources and Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; Bruce I. Knight, Chief, and Steven A. Probst, Director, Budget Planning and Analysis Division, both with Natural Resources Conservation Service; and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on National Foreign Intelligence Program. Testimony was heard from John D. Negroponte, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.